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1. FRENCH EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT SED ECONOMICS SECRETARY AND POLITBURO MEMBER GUENTHER MITTAG AND FIRST DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER/STATE SECRETARY GERHARD BEIL WILL VISIT FRANCE APRIL 17. PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY MITTAG'S VISIT TO JAPAN IN NOVEMBER 1977 SUGGESTS A MAJOR PIECE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BUSINESS WILL BE CONCLUDED ON TRIP; AND
WE SUPPOSE A PRIME CANDIDATE IS A CONTRACT WITH CITROEN
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER VEHICLE FRONT-WHEEL
DRIVE TRANSMISSIONS. AT LEIPZIG FAIR, CITROEN DIRECTOR
GENERAL RAYMOND RAVENEL IN REMARKS TO HONECKER ON A
VISIT TO THE CITROEN STAND SAID CITROEN IS PREPARED TO
BUILD SUCH A FACILITY ON THE BASIS OF 100 PERCENT PRODUCT

BUYBACK. PROMINENT AND EXPLICIT COVERAGE GIVEN BUYBACK COMMITMENT IN EAST GERMAN PRESS SUGGESTS DEAL IS IMMINENT. IT ALSO SUGGESTS FORWARD MOVEMENT ON OFFAGAIN, ON-AGAIN PLANS FOR MANUFACTURE OF A NEW GDR PASSENGER CAR. BOLEN

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